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SUBJECT: KENYAN CONCERN OVER ANGOLA

1. INTEREST OF KENYAN EMBASSY MOSCOW IN ANGOLA MAY BE OF  
INTEREST TO ADDRESSEES. LATE DECEMBER 19 MR. NZUKI, WHO  
SAID HE WORKED ON "ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS", CALLED PRESS  
ATTACHE ON URGENT BASIS TO REQUEST APPOINTMENT FOR HIMSELF  
AND KENYAN PRESS OFFICER RUKAARIA. UK EMBASSY POLITICAL OFFICER  
TOLD PRESS ATTACHE THAT SAME KENYAN OFFICIALS CALLED ON HIM  
EARLIER SAME DAY AND ASKED ALMOST IDENTICAL QUESTIONS.

2. ONLY TOPIC WAS ANGOLA AND QUESTIONS FOCUSED ON THREE  
AREAS: ARE THE SOVIETS LIKELY TO INCREASE THEIR INVOLVEMENT;  
IF SO, WILL THE SOUTH AFRICANS STEP UP THEIR INVOLVEMENT;  
AND WILL THE US INTERVENE MILITARILY?

RUKAARIA ASKED MOST QUESTIONS, BUT WHEN RESPONDING TO  
EMBOFF QUESTIONS, NZUKI INvariably SPOKE UP. KENYANS WERE  
CLEARLY CONCERNED ABOUT SITUATION AND EXPRESSED FEAR THAT CONFLICT  
WOULD SPLIT OAU AND DIVIDE AFRICAN NATIONS. THEY

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DID NOT SEE SOVIET-DOMINATED GOVERNMENT IN ANGOLA AS THREAT  
TO BRAZIL OR TO SHIPPING LANES, BUT RATHER SPECULATED THAT

USSR HAD SUPPORTED MPLA AS "INDEPENDENCE" MOVEMENT AND  
NOW SAW SOVIET PRESTIGE IN AFRICA TIED TO SUCCESS OF MPLA.

4. NZUKI SAID SOUTH AFRICAN INVOLVEMENT PARTICULARLY DISTURBING  
AND ASKED IF US WOULD CONDEMN THEIR ROLE. TOLD THAT  
US OPPOSED ALL OUTSIDE INTERVENTION RUKAARIA AGAIN VOICED  
CONCERN OVER CONTINUED SOVIET SHIPMENTS AND POSSIBILITY OF  
US MILITARY RESPONSE. KENYANS APPEARED NOT TO HAVE THOUGHT  
MUCH ABOUT ANGOLAN SITUATION OUTSIDE AFRICAN CONTEXT, AND  
ASKED NUMEROUS QUESTIONS ABOUT EFFECT ON US-USSR RELATIONS IN  
SALT AND MBFR TALKS, EFFECT OF US PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS, AND  
NATO ATTITUDE TOWARD ANGOLA. STOESSEL

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